

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 301

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the teachers of Peabody Elementary School for their outstanding service to the children of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, when Henry Adams wrote, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops," he expressed a sentiment that any student could share; by word and example, teachers impart moral and civic values; and

WHEREAS, our Nation's great teachers often make many sacrifices as they fulfill their countless responsibilities; they have earned, and truly deserve, the utmost gratitude and esteem of students, parents, and community members; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes that education requires devotion and hard work from students and teachers alike, that good teachers are inseparable from learning at any age, and that education is a lifelong process that benefits individuals and societies, helping lay foundations for the future; and

WHEREAS, excellence in education is the intentional result of the hours and hours of hard work by teachers in and out of the classroom; the teachers of Peabody Elementary School, who seek to offer pupils a thirst for knowledge, a solid education, and the inspiration to achieve and excel throughout life, exemplify ideal educators; and

WHEREAS, these teachers do an incalculable amount of good as they teach pupils how to study and learn; provide instruction in the skills of reading, writing, mathematics, history, the sciences, and other disciplines; and transmit understanding of and appreciation for the many influences that have shaped our land of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication and hard work of teachers, Patricia Armstead, LaShanda Bell, Regina Boyd, Terrence Brittenum, Clarese Brown, Donna Brunner, Kaye Cook,

Micki Fencil, Minnie Folsom, Michael J. Fox, Glenna Gilbreath, Deidra Jones, Diana Jones, Judy Joyner, Shirley Kelln, Robbye Lee, Tiffany Luckett, Olivia Malland, Felisa McCraver, Virginia Moore, Tamela Patton, Jaqueline Ragland, Carolyn J. Rice, Jana Richey, Paige Robinson, Jerry Sanders, Nicole Saulsberry-Scarboro, Harriet Skopin, Deborah Smith, Rebeca Teagarden, Henry Trimble, Teresa White, Mary Frances Williamson, Cheryl Wooley, and Fleacra Wright, the school's students have achieved commendable growth and success; and

WHEREAS, through word and deed, these teachers of Peabody Elementary School have fostered intellectual and personal development, and they deserve the gratitude of the good people of our State for their wisdom, sacrifice, community service, and devotion to their students; and

WHEREAS, these extremely talented and compassionate educators perpetually embody the principles of excellence in teaching and go beyond the call of duty, and the supporters of Peabody Elementary School have selected May 6, 2005, to be a day for honoring our invaluable teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly invites community leaders, school superintendents, principals, educators, students, parents, and all Tennesseans to recognize and appreciate the importance of teachers in Tennessee schools; and

WHEREAS, we also express our gratitude to everyone who continues the legacy of devotion and excellence that our great State's teachers have given us through the years; it is our hope that we continue to support and honor our teachers-- not only today, but all year long; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize the teachers of Peabody Elementary School for their immeasurable service to the youth of Tennessee, salute their professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish them all the best in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.

